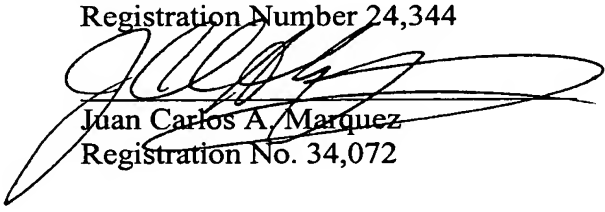


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 7, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on September 7, 2006. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: